ADVERTISEMENT

Concerning the Poor ACTORS, *who under Pretence of hard Usage from the* PATENTEES, *are about to desert their Service.*

SOME Persons having industriously spread about amongst the Quality and others, what small Allowances the Chief Actors have had this last Winter from the Patentees of *Drury-lane* Play-house, as if they had receiv'd no more than so many poor *Palatines*; It was thought necessary to Print the following Account.

THE whole Company began to Act, on the 12*th* of *Oct.* 1708. and left off on the 26*th* of the same Month, by reason of Prince *George*'s Illness and Death; and begun again the 14*th* of *December* following, and left off upon the Lord Chamberlain's Order on the 4*th* of *June* last 1709. So Acted, during that time, in all 135 Days which is 22 Weeks and 3 Days, accounting Six Acting Days to a Week.

In that Time,

		l.	*s.*	*d.*	Total. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To Mr. *Wilks*, by Salary, for Acting, and taking care of the Rehearsals; Paid		168	06	08			
	By his Benefit Play; Paid	090	14	09	259	01	05
To Mr. *Betterton* by Salary, for Acting 4 *l.* a Week for himself, and 1 *l.* a Week for his Wife, although she does not Act; Paid		112	10	00			
	By a Benefit Play At common Prices, besides what he got by high Prices, and Guineas; Paid	076	04	05	188	14	05
To Mr. *Estcourt* at 5 *l.* a Week Salary; Paid		112	10	00			
	By a Benefit Play; Paid	051	08	06	163	18	06

To Mr. *Cibber* at 5 *l.* a Week Salary; Paid	111	10	00				
By a Benefit Play; Paid	051	00	10½	162	10	10½
To Mr. *Mills* at 4 *l.* a Week Salary for himself, and 1 *l.* a Week for his Wife for little, or nothing.	112	10	00				
By a Benefit Play paid to him (not including therein what she got by a Benefit Play)	058	01	04	170	11	04
To Mrs. *Oldfield* at 4 *l.* a Week Salary, which for 14 Weeks and one Day, she leaving off Acting presently after her Benefit, (*viz.*) on the 17*th* of *March* last 1708. tho' the Benefit was intended for her whole 9 Months Acting, and she refused to assist others in their Benefits; her Salary for these 14 Weeks and one Day came to, and she was paid.	056	13	04				
In *January* she required, and was paid Ten Guineas, to wear on the Stage in some Plays, during the whole Season, a Mantua and Petticoat that was given her for the Stage, and tho' she left off 3 Months before she should, yet she hath not returned any Part of the Ten Guineas.	010	15	00	132	06	05
And she had for wearing in some Plays a Suit of Boys Cloaths on the Stage, paid	02	10	09				
By a Benefit Play; paid	62	07	08				
Certainties in all				1077	03	08

Besides which certain Sums above-mentioned the same ACTORS got by their Benefit Plays, as follows,

Note, That Mr. *Betterton* having had 76 *l.* 04 *s.* 05 *d.* as above-mentioned for Two Thirds of the Profits by a Benefit Play, Reckoning his Tickets for the Boxes, at 5 *s.* a piece, the Pit at 3 *s.* the first Gallery at 2 *s.* and the upper Gallery at 1 *s.* But the Boxes, Pit, and Stage, being laid together on his Day, and no Person admitted but by his Tickets, the lowest at half a Guinea a Ticket; Nay he had much more, for one Lady gave him Ten or Twenty Guineas, some 5 Guineas, some 2 Guineas, and most one Guinea, supposing that he designed not to act any more, and he deliver'd more Tickets out for Persons, than the Boxes, Pit, and Stage could hold: 'tis thought he clear'd at least 450 *l.* over and besides [illegible] 76 *l.* 04 *s.* 05 *d.* 450 00 00

'Tis

'Tis thought Mr. *Eſtcourt* clear'd 200*l.* beſides the ſaid 51*l.* 08*s.* 06*d.* } 200 00 00

That Mr. *Wilks* clear'd by Guineas as 'tis thought about 40*l.* beſides the ſaid 90*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* } 40 00 00

That Mr. *Cibber* got by Guineas as 'tis thought about 50*l.* beſides the ſaid 51*l.* 10*d.* ½ } 50 00 00

That Mr. *Mills* got by Guineas about 20*l.* as 'tis thought, beſides the ſaid, 58*l.* 01*s.* 04*d.* } 20 00 00

That Mrs. *Oldfield* 'tis thought got 120*l.* by Guineas over and above the ſaid 62*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* } 120 00 00

In all 880 00 00

So that theſe Six Comedians who are the unſatisfied People, have between the 12*th* of *October*, and the 4*th* of *June* laſt, clear'd in all,

The following Sums

		l.	*s.*	*d.*	Both		
Acted 100 Times,	Mr. *Wilks* certain,	259	01	05	299	01	05
	and more by Gueſs,	40	00	00			
Acted 16 Times,	Mr. *Betterton* certain,	188	14	05	638	14	05
	and more by Gueſs,	450	00	00			
Acted 52 Times,	Mr. *Eſtcourt* certain,	163	18	06	363	18	06
	and more by Gueſs,	200	00	00			
Acted 71 Times,	Mr. *Cibber* certain,	162	10	10½	212	10	10½
	and more by Gueſs,	50	00	00			
Acted Times,	Mr. *Mills* certain,	170	11	04	190	11	04
	and more by Gueſs,	20	00	00			
Acted 39 Times,	Mrs. *Oldfield* certain,	132	06	07	252	06	07
	and more by Gueſs,	120	00	00			
				In all	1957	03	02

Had

Had not Acting been forbid Seven Weeks on the Occasion of Prince GEORGE's Death, and my Lord Chamberlain forbad Acting about Five Weeks before the 20th of *July* Instant; Each of these Actors would have had Twelve Weeks Salary more than is above-mention'd.

As to the Certainties expreſt in this Paper to be paid to the Six ACTORS, the ſame are true according to the beſt of my Computation. And as to the Sums which is thought they got over and above ſuch Certainties, I believe the ſame to be true as near as I can gueſs.

Witneſs my Hand, who am Receiver and Treaſurer at the Theatre Royal in *Drury-Lane*. *July* the 8*th* 1709.

ZACHARY BAGGS.

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